

Weekly Social Learning Groups

Students are placed in homogeneous groupings by age, grade, social presentation, and/or interests. Social Learning sessions focus on establishing awareness of and practice of social interactions, executive functions, & language organization strategies.

Focus may be on:

- **Situational Awareness** and impact of behaviors on others and self.
- Use and read facial expressions
- Purposeful eye gaze for “thinking about others”.
- Monitor body language (self/others)
- Use of social narrative for connecting with others and expressing oneself clearly and succinctly.
- On-topic conversation:
 - Initiate
 - Maintain
 - Topic switching
 - Pleasantries of conversation
- Take conversational turns
- Speak clearly
 - Rate
 - Tone
 - Volume
 - Articulation
- Self-advocacy
- Identify/appreciate/accept the perspective of another (Theory of Mind)
- **Executive functioning** for social/academic success (Initiation, Attention, Planning, Organization, Task Completion)
- Understanding **sensory** needs

The Ely Center Social Learning Groups meet weekly for 1 hour. Following each session the clinicians email families a detailed account of the group. If any materials were referenced while preparing the group plan this information is included. We want to provide our families with as much information as possible so they can reinforce skills, strategies and language at home.